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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 19, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM DAVIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:
Lord God of this Nation and the universe:

In 1787 the United States Constitution was written. The text itself was completed on September 17 of that year. As the law of this land, it still serves as the foundation upon which the three branches of government stand. It remains the measurement of all laws of the courts and the embodiment of the principles which all government officials and citizens promise to uphold and defend. By Divine Providence may this document be preserved always.

May Your omnipresent Spirit bring to light and freshness in our day all the Constitution contains and directs. Its first three words—"We the people"—affirm that the government of the United States exists to serve its citizens. As the world's longest surviving written charter of government, may it be a guiding signal to other nations and peoples. As the solemn expression of this country's identity, may it be brought to fruition by the people of this Nation who live law-abiding lives and foster a more perfect Union, work to establish justice, and ensure domestic tranquility every day of their lives.

We beg for Your grace, Almighty God, to do this for our good, the common good shared with others, and to give You glory now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 16, 2005.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 16, 2005, at 10:25 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3169.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3668.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3672.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, Speaker pro tempore THORNBERRY signed the following enrolled bills on Friday, September 16, 2005:

H.R. 3169, to provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for students who are eligible for Pell grants who are adversely affected by a natural disaster;

H.R. 3668, to provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for students who are eligible for Federal student grant assistance who are adversely affected by a major disaster;

H.R. 3672, to provide assistance to families affected by Hurricane Katrina, through the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3169. An act to provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for students who are eligible for Pell Grants who are adversely affected by a natural disaster.

H.R. 3668. An act to provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for students who are eligible for Federal student grant assistance who are adversely affected by a major disaster.

H.R. 3672. An act to provide assistance to families affected by Hurricane Katrina, through the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reports that on September 15, 2005, he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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